

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1440**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**DECLINE IN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS**

1440. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that farm exports were systematically discouraged, leading to a decline in agricultural exports from \$ 43 billion in 2013-14 to \$ 33 billion in 2016- 17, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether during the same period import of lentil, chana, wheat, sugar and milk powder was allowed that led to crash in crop prices for the Indian farmers and trade surplus went down from \$ 27 billion to less than \$ 8 billion, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): No, Madam. It is not true to say that exports are systematically discouraged. The exports fell due to two consequent drought years during 2014-15 and 2015-16. However, the Agri and allied exports are showing an increasing trend during the last three years. Exports of USD 32.87 billion took place during 2015-16, it increased to USD 33.79 billion during 2016-17 and further increased to USD 39.02 billion during 2017-18.

(b): Though imports were allowed, Government imposed quantitative restrictions on import of various pulses such as Tur, Moong, Urad, Peas during the last two years. The import duties were also raised in respect of Pulses and Edible Oils so as to protect out farmers. In Agriculture and allied commodities, the trade balance is in favour of India and increased during the last two years. During 2016-17, the trade balance was USD 9.24 billion and it increased to USD 15.42 billion during 2017-18.

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